Mayor Moritz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Councilman Tim Seidenstricker offered the opening prayer.

Chief Carroll asked for a moment of silence for Father Larry Huber, who passed away suddenly. Father Hubert was a relative of EJ Fleischmann.

STATEMENT FROM MAYOR MORITZ

Congratulations to the newly elected council members now seated for this session. Well done on your elections and thank you all for running admirable campaigns. I also want to thank the members of the previous city council for their dedicated service to our city. They also ran admirable campaigns and got involved in improving Arnold. In reference to the recent state audit, I want to remind residents that I ran for mayor because I had concerns with how poorly the prior Parkway project was rolled out. Much of the backlash came from the failure of the previous administration to hold an open house and public discussion as the city council was assured it would be held. It did not come off that way at all, and I was also upset about it. I ran against the mayor because I was going to make sure that, if given the chance, I would never do it that way. I am keeping my promise to keep things open and honest. On March 5th, I reported that I had declined the state auditor's request to discuss the preliminary audit report in closed session. I asked the auditor to release the audit findings in open session at tonight's city council meeting. I was hoping the release would be at an open meeting so residents could ask the auditor and the city about the findings in real time and in a public forum. I would have scheduled the meeting to be held in Rickman Auditorium, if need be. On March 31st the auditor wrote to me and said no. He said they have never done it that way in his three years as auditor.

I was troubled while reviewing the audit and have asked for a number of changes.

- First, I have directed city staff to prepare a Request for Qualifications for our city attorney services, and have this sent out for interested firms
- Second, we will make sure all TIF status reports are current
- Third, we will review all TDD board oversight procedures
- Fourth, we will review the TDD board composition
- Fifth, we will remind the retailers in the district of their obligation to display the TDD sales tax rate
- And Sixth, we will recommend to the TDD Board that it hires an independent firm to handle all of the TDD's financial transactions and bookkeeping to create a greater separation between the TDD and the city.

I will report progress as we go along and look forward to hearing from and working with the city council and Arnold residents on additional ways that we can improve.
All that said, I cannot help but wonder how poorly our city would have progressed from 2007 to now without the creation and establishment of the TIF and TDDs in 2005-2007. Arnold

Crossroads would not have grown to what it is now, and Arnold Commons simply would not exist. We have people shopping and dining in our districts here from all up and down the state and from Illinois. Our city taxable sales have grown from $128 million in 2005 to $349 in 2025. That is over $220 million increase in 2025. Nearly 60% of the sales tax revenue collected comes from shoppers from outside our city. That helps to pay for essential city services like public works, police protection, recreation amenities and programs. There are currently over 200 active Transportation Development Districts (TDDs) in the state of Missouri. I thank you for your time and patience as we work through this.

ROLL CALL

Those present per roll call taken by City Clerk Tammi Casey: Mayor Moritz, Mullins, Seidenstricker, Fleischmann, Rother, Saller, Blacksher, Cary, Rethmeyer, Traxler, Turner (excused), Lehmann (excused), Allison Sweeney, Crutchley, Pogorzelski, Hood and Chief Carroll.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Moritz opened the floor to nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Brad Cary nominated EJ Fleischmann. As no other nominations were offered:

Brad Cary made a motion and so moved to close the floor to nominations and elect EJ Fleischmann Mayor Pro-Tem by acclamation. Seconded by Michael Rother. Roll call vote: Mullins, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Rother, yes; Saller, yes; Blacksher, yes; Cary, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; 8 Yeas: **Motion carried.**

MAYORAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Moritz provided council with his committee appointments, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part of this record. **EJ Fleischmann made a motion and so moved to approve the committee appointments, as presented.** Seconded by Troy Blacksher. Roll call vote: Mullins, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Rother, yes; Saller, yes; Blacksher, yes; Cary, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; 8 Yeas: **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Jerel Poor, 756 Mary Lane – Congratulated the newly elected and stated the taxpayers are paying attention. Mr. Poor spoke regarding the TDD sales tax and asked if the City was still purchasing homes.

Susan Romance, 1402 Cherokee Ct – Informed council that she contacted MoDot regarding the debris at Hwy 141 and Big Bill Road and they sent a crew out to clean it up.

Marlene Cary, 1639 Piney Drive – Told the Mayor she appreciated his statement regarding the audit. She requested that the City keep residents informed as to which steps are being worked on and asked if there will be a time limit on completing each step.

Larry Longworth, 733 Vera Drive – Stated he appreciated the Mayor's statement regarding the audit and hopes the City remains transparent.

Jessica Bess, 1145 Hickory Ridge Trail – Congratulated the newly elected and said she is very excited for the City's future. Ms. Bess thanked Mayor Moritz for his earlier statements and said taking accountability goes a long way. Regarding the TDD, she asked that the City either finish the remaining projects or dissolve the TDD. Speaking to the newly seated council she stated that the people elected them and they have the power to move the City forward.

Lori Aarons, Jefferson County District 3 Councilwoman – Congratulated the newly elected and stated she is looking forward to working with them.

CONSENT AGENDA

Before reading the consent agenda, City Clerk Tammi Casey informed Councilman Rethmeyer that the April 02, 2026 minutes had been corrected to reflect that his question during his council report was directed to Dave Crutchley, not James Pogorzelski. She also advised the newly elected council members that, since they were not seated at the dais during the previous meeting, they could choose to abstain from voting on the consent agenda if they were not comfortable doing so. However, she clarified that for Resolutions and Motions, the new members had received the same information at the same time as the rest of the council, noting that prior council members had not been given any advance information beyond what was provided to them.

A. **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 02, 2026**
B. **PAYROLL WARRANT #T00987 IN THE AMOUNT OF $446,815.14**
C. **GENERAL WARRANT #5904 IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,212,152.46**

Troy Blacksher made a motion and so moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Rodney Mullins. Roll call vote: Mullins, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Rother, abstain, Saller, abstain; Blacksher, yes, Cary, abstain; Rethmeyer, yes; 8 Yeas: **Motion carried.**

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO 26-16 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT TO TJ'S LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE FOR THE SPRING BRUSH PROGRAM

Michael Rethmeyer made a motion and so moved to approve Resolution No 26-16. Seconded by EJ Fleischmann. Roll call vote: Mullins, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Rother, yes; Saller, yes; Blacksher, yes; Cary, yes; Rethmeyer, yes;8 Yeas: **Resolution passed.**

RESOLUTION NO 26-17 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRAMAR CONTRACTING, INC. TO PROVIDE STRIPING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ARNOLD

Tim Seidenstricker made a motion and so moved to approve Resolution No 26-17. Seconded by Troy Blacksher. Roll call vote: Mullins, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Rother, yes; Saller, yes; Blacksher, yes; Cary, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; 8 Yeas: **Resolution passed.**

RESOLUTION NO 26-18 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM MILLS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE FASCIA WRAP AROUND ALL WINDOWS, AND THE REPLACEMENT OF GUTTERS, AND DOWNSPOUTS AT CITY HALL FROM THE MARCH 2025 STORM

Rodney Mullins made a motion and so moved to approve Resolution No 26-18. Seconded by Michael Rethmeyer. Roll call vote: Mullins, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Rother, yes; Saller, yes; Blacksher, yes; Cary, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; 8 Yeas: **Resolution passed.**

RESOLUTION NO 26-19 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DAIKIN GMI., FOR THE INDOOR POOL RESTORATION PROJECT

Brad Cary made a motion and so moved to approve Resolution No 26-19. Seconded by EJ Fleischmann. Roll call vote: Mullins, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Rother, yes; Saller, yes; Blacksher, yes; Cary, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; 8 Yeas: **Resolution passed.**

MOTIONS

A. A MOTION TO APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Committee Chair, Rodney Mullins, informed council that Holy Family Parish I.C. has applied for a picnic liquor license for their annual parish picnic. The Liquor Committee is forwarding a recommendation of approval by unanimous vote. **Troy Blacksher made a motion and so moved to approve the picnic liquor license for Holy Family Parish I.C.** Seconded by Michael Rethmeyer. Roll call vote: Mullins, yes; Seidenstricker, yes; Fleischmann, yes; Rother, yes; Saller, yes; Blacksher, yes; Cary, yes; Rethmeyer, yes; 8 Yeas: **Motion carried.**

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Moritz – Congratulated the newly elected and thanked the previous council members for their hard work and dedicated service to the City.

Michael Rethmeyer, Ward 4 – Congratulated the newly elected.

EJ Fleischmann, Ward 1 – Thanked Chief Carroll for his kind words regarding Father Huber. He welcomed the new council members and stated he looks forward to working with them. He also thanked his fellow councilmen for appointing him Mayor Pro-Tem. Mr. Fleischmann thanked Mayor Moritz for his earlier statement and said it is time for the City to move forward.

Matthew Saller, Ward 3 – Stated he is thrilled to be on the council, thanked everyone for their vote and stated he is ready to get to work.

Tim Seidenstricker, Ward 2 – Thanked everyone in the audience for attending the meeting and welcomed the newly elected. He also thanked the previous councilmembers for their service to the City.

Michael Rother, Ward 2 – Thanked the Mayor for his earlier statement and said his commitment remains the same since the beginning of his campaign, to be transparent, financially responsible and accessible to his constituents. He stated he will work hard every day to earn the trust the voters placed in him.

Troy Blacksher, Ward 1 – Congratulated the newly elected and thanked the voters for showing up at the polls.

Brad Cary, Ward 4 – Thanked the voters for showing up at the polls and thanked Mayor Moritz for taking steps forward regarding the audit. Mr. Cary stated he looks forward to working with everyone in moving the city forward.

Rodney Mullins, Ward 3 – Congratulated the newly elected and is looking forward to working together with Matt Saller to represent Ward 3.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mark Hood – Congratulated the newly elected and thanked Dan Kroupa for his many years of dedicated service to the city.

Anthony Traxler – Congratulated the newly elected and stated he and staff are looking forward to working with everyone.

Tammi Casey – Echoed Mr. Traxler's statement.

Chief Carroll – Welcomed the newly elected and informed everyone that the police department is participating in the Torch Run on May 26th benefitting the Special Olympics.

James Pogorzelski – Stated that Reinhold Electric will begin work on the Bayshore Subdivision Street Light project next week.

Dave Crutchley – Provided updates on current Arnold Park projects; tree clearing continues, construction on the new pavilion has begun, and work continues on the construction of the pickle ball courts.

Allison Sweeney – Congratulated the newly elected and stated that the evening held special meaning for her, noting that her first time in the council chambers was as a child in April 1993, when Marion Becker was elected Mayor and her father was elected as City Attorney. She is grateful to have been a part of Arnold's growth over many years.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rodney Mullins. Seconded by Matthew Saller.

Voice vote: All Yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Tammi Casey

City Clerk Tammi Casey, CMC/MRCC-S

CITY OF ARNOLD, MISSOURI

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BILL NO - RESOLUTION - MOTION

		ROLL CALL	MOTION TO ELECT EJ FLEISCHMANN MAYOR PRO-TEM BY ACCLAMATION	MOTION TO APPROVE MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS	CONSENT AGENDA	RESOLUTION NO 26-16	RESOLUTON NO 26-17
COUNCIL MEMBERS:							
MAYOR	BILL MORITZ	PRESENT					
COUNCIL:	RODNEY MULLINS	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	TIM SEIDENSTRICKER	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	EJ FLEISHMANN	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	MICHAEL ROTHER	PRESENT	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	MATTHEW SALLER	PRESENT	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	TROY BLACKSHER	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	BRAD CARY	PRESENT	YES	YES	ABSTAIN	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	MICHAEL RETHMEYER	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	ANTHONY TRAXLER	PRESENT	PARKS DIR:		DAVE CRUTCHLEY		PRESENT
CITY CLERK	TAMMI CASEY	PRESENT	PUBLIC WORKS:		JAMES POGORZELSKI		PRESENT
COM DEV	SARAH TURNER	EXCUSED	TREASURER:		MARK HOOD		PRESENT
FINANCE DIRECTOR	BILL LEHMANN	EXCUSED	POLICE DEPT.		CHIEF CARROLL		PRESENT
CITY ATTORNEY	ALLISON SWEENEY	PRESENT					

CITY OF ARNOLD, MISSOURI

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		BILL NO - RESOLUTION - MOTION					
		RESOLUTION NO 26-18	RESOLUTION NO 26-19	MOTION TO APPROVE HOLY FAMILY PARISH PICNIC LIQUOR LICENSE			
COUNCIL MEMBERS:							
MAYOR	BILL MORITZ						
COUNCIL:	RODNEY MULLINS	YES	YES	YES			
COUNCIL:	TIM SEIDENSTRICKER	YES	YES	YES			
COUNCIL:	EJ FLIESCHMANN	YES	YES	YES			
COUNCIL:	MICHAEL ROTHER	YES	YES	YES			
COUNCIL:	MATTHEW SALLER	YES	YES	YES			
COUNCIL:	TROY BLACKSHER	YES	YES	YES			
COUNCIL:	BRAD CARY	YES	YES	YES			
COUNCIL:	MICHAEL RETHMEYER	YES	YES	YES			

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CITY ATTORNEY	ALLISON SWEENEY				

Mayor
William (Bill) Moritz
Appointed Officials 2026-2027

WARD 1

EJ Fleishman
Finance
Parks & Recreation
Tourism

Troy Blacksher
Finance
Tourism
*Liquor
Economic Development

WARD 2

Michael Rother
Finance
*Police Personnel

Tim Seidenstricker
Finance
Beautification
Historic Preservation
*Police Pension

WARD 3

Matthew Saller
Finance
*Liquor
*Police Personnel

Rodney Mullins
Finance
*Liquor
Veterans
Economic Development

WARD 4

Michael Rethmeyer
Finance
Parks & Recreation
Veterans

Brad Cary
Finance
Parks & Recreation
*Planning & Zoning
Economic Development

*Indicates voting board or commission member.

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